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1. Q. Did you observe any blind, crippled, or malnourished persons in cities or rural areas?
 - A. I saw many cripples. Most of them were minus a leg and were using crutches. They do not seem to use artificial limbs. I saw a group of ten or fifteen beggars on the steps of a church in Kiev. One of them was blind.
2. Q. What is the state of municipal sanitation in regard to:
 - a. Cleanliness of streets and buildings?
 - A. Their streets were very clean. Gangs of women were always working on them. Baku was the dirtiest town we visited. The government buildings all seemed to be new and in good repair.
 - b. Spitting?
 - A. I didn't notice an awful lot of this. They do seem to blow their noses with their fingers quite a bit.
 - c. Water supply?
 - A. There wasn't any shortage of water anywhere we traveled.
 - d. Refuse disposal?
 - A. I didn't see any collections of refuse or garbage. They seem to pick this up quickly and efficiently.

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c. Posters?

A. The posters I noticed were usually of children and anti-US. There were numerous pictures of Lenin and Stalin and Malenkov came in third. I got terribly sick of seeing Stalin's face wherever we went and told the interpreters so. I met an English sailor in a seaman's club in Odessa and he said the same thing. We both joked with the interpreter who was with me at the time but, of course, he wouldn't admit that he was tired of them, too.

3. Q. What were the extent of the security measures evident on the Baku to Tbilisi trip?

A. We left Baku at night and arrived at Tbilisi about 5:00 PM the next day. During the morning we took many pictures of the countryside and a few of the people traveling in the peasant cars. They stopped this about a hundred miles (three or four hours) from Tbilisi. We were told not to take any pictures of bridges but this seemed rather senseless since we could buy post cards showing the same bridges in great detail. We stopped at what looked like collective farms and soldiers were on guard there.

4. Q. Is there a continuing anti-US biological warfare campaign?

A. I don't know that it still continues. We asked whether they believed the charges and everyone seemed to feel that we had conducted biological warfare in Korea.

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